

Hepatitis C and Related Resources in Massachusetts

Hepatitis C Testing Programs

Primary care doctors and community health centers offer hepatitis C, HIV, and STD testing as well as vaccinations for hepatitis A and hepatitis B. If you don't have a doctor, you can get tested at one of the following community testing programs.

Greater Boston Region Testing Sites

AIDS Action Committee

Boston: 617-437-6200

Cambridge: 617-661-3040

English, Spanish

Boston Health Care for the Homeless

Boston: 857-654-1000

English, Spanish, Haitian Creole

Boston Medical Center

Boston: 617-414-4290

English, interpreters for other languages

Boston Public Health Commission

(AHOPE Needle Exchange)

Boston: 617-534-3976 (drop in)

English, Spanish

Cambridge Health Alliance

Cambridge, Somerville: 617-591-6767

Malden, Everett: 617-591-6767

HIV Primary Care: 617-655-1606

English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, Portuguese

Children's Hospital - Boston Happens and

Martha Eliot Community Health Center

Boston (Boston Happens): 617-355-2735

Boston (Martha Eliot): 617-971-7829

English, Spanish, Haitian Creole

Codman Square Health Center

Dorchester: 617-825-9660

English, Spanish

The Dimock Center

Roxbury: 617-442-8800

English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, interpreters for other languages

Fenway Health

Boston: 617-267-0159

English, Spanish, interpreters for other languages

Justice Resource Institute

Boston (Boston Glass): 617-266-3349

Boston (BAGLY): 617-227-8378

Framingham (RISE): 508-935-2960

English, Spanish

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers

Brighton: 617-787-0557

Dorchester: 617-825-5897

Framingham: 508-872-2652

Somerville: 617-764-2091

English, Spanish, Portuguese

Massachusetts General Hospital

Boston: 617-726-3906

English, interpreters for other languages

Mattapan Community Health Center

Boston: 617-296-0061

English, Spanish, Haitian Creole

Multicultural AIDS Coalition

Boston: 617-442-1622

Roxbury: 617-541-1050

English, Spanish

Northeast Region Testing Sites

Greater Lawrence Family Health Center
Lawrence: 978-685-7663
English, Spanish, interpreters for other languages

Healthy Streets – Health Innovations
Lynn: 781-592-0243
English, Spanish

Lowell Community Health Center
Lowell: 978-937-9700
English, Spanish, Portuguese, Khmer, interpreters for other languages

Lynn Community Health Center
Lynn: 781-581-3900
English, Spanish, interpreters for other languages

Central Region Testing Sites

AIDS Project Worcester
Worcester: 508-755-3773
English, Spanish

Edward M. Kennedy Health Center
Worcester: 508-852-1805
English, Spanish, Portuguese

Southeast Region Testing Sites

AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod
Hyannis: 508-778-1954
Provincetown: 508-487-8311
English

Brockton Area Multi-Services (BAMSI)
Brockton (C.O.P.E. Center): 508-583-3405
English, Spanish

Brockton Neighborhood Health Center
Brockton: 508-894-3566
English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Cape Verdean Creole, Haitian Creole

Cape Cod Hospital
Hyannis: 508-862-5650
English, Spanish, French, Portuguese

Greater New Bedford Community Health Ctr.
New Bedford: 508-992-6553 x299 or x131
English, Spanish, Portuguese

Health Imperatives – Family Planning
Hyannis: 508-771-8010
Nantucket: 508-228-9189
Plymouth: 508-746-8353
Vineyard Haven: 508-693-1208
English, Spanish, Portuguese

Manet Community Health Center
Quincy: 857-939-4108
Weymouth: 857-939-4108
English, Chinese

Seven Hills Behavioral Health
Fall River: 508-235-1012 or 508-672-0378
New Bedford: 508-999-4159
English, Portuguese, Spanish

Stanley Street Resource and Treatment (SSTAR)
Fall River: 508-324-3561
English, Spanish, Portuguese

Western Region Testing Sites

Baystate Medical Center
Springfield (Brightwood): 413-794-4458
Springfield (Mason Square): 413-794-8723
English, Spanish, interpreters for other languages

Berkshire Medical Center
Pittsfield: 413-447-2654
English

Caring Health Center
Springfield: 413-739-1100
English, Spanish

Holyoke Health Center
Holyoke: 413-420-2255
Chicopee: 413-420-2256
English, Spanish

New North Citizens' Council
Springfield (North End): 413-205-1231
Springfield (Mason Square): 413-747-5755
English, Spanish

Tapestry Health
Holyoke: 413-315-3732 x2
Northampton: 413-315-3732 x1
Springfield: 413-363-9472
English, Spanish

Needle Exchange Programs

In addition to the exchange of new syringes for used ones, needle exchange programs offer referrals to substance use treatment, HIV, HCV, and STD testing, and other harm reduction services.

AIDS Action Committee
Cambridge: 617-599-0246

Boston Public Health Commission (AHOPE)
Boston: 617-534-3976 (drop-in center)
617-534-3967

AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod
Hyannis: 508-778-1954 (registration only)
Provincetown: 508-487-8311
866-668-6448

Tapestry Health
Northampton: 413-586-0310
Holyoke: 413-315-3732 x 1

Proper Disposal of Sharps and Syringes

The passage of M.G.L. Chapter 111, Section 127A allows for the purchase and possession of syringes and needles from a pharmacy without a prescription. It also calls for the safe and responsible disposal of sharps and syringes.

There are many syringe disposal sites across the Commonwealth. Information on safe disposal and a list of disposal sites is located at www.mass.gov/dph/aids/needles-syringes.

Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution Programs

Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) programs offer counseling and referrals to substance abuse treatment for all participants who are using opioids. These programs train opioid users, their families, and their friends on how to prevent and recognize an overdose and what to do if one occurs. For more information, visit www.mass.gov/dph/bsas or www.mass.gov/opioids.

AIDS Action Committee
Boston and Cambridge: 617-437-6200

Holyoke Health Center
Holyoke: 413-420-2897

AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod
Hyannis: 508-778-1954
Provincetown: 508-487-8311

Lowell Community Health Center
Lowell: 978-322-8657

AIDS Project Worcester
Worcester: 508-755-3773

Lowell House
Lowell: 978-459-8656

Boston Public Health Commission
(AHOPE Needle Exchange)
Boston: 617-534-3976 or 617-534-3967

Seven Hills Behavioral Health
Fall River: 508-235-1012 or 508-672-0378
New Bedford: 508-996-0546

Brockton Area Multi-Services
Brockton: 508-583-3405

Tapestry Health
Greenfield: 413-773-8888
Holyoke: 413-315-3732 x 1
Northampton: 413-586-0310
Springfield: 413-363-9472

Greater Lawrence Family Health Center
Lawrence: 978-685-7663

Chapter 192 of the Acts of 2012, known as “Melissa’s Law” and “Crime Bill,” ensures that a person who experiences a drug-related overdose and is in need of medical assistance, and in good faith, seeks such medical assistance, or is the subject of such a good faith request for medical assistance, shall not be charged or prosecuted for possession of a controlled substance.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) Resources

Massachusetts Department of Public Health
617-624-6000

www.mass.gov/dph

MDPH Bureau of Substance Abuse Services
617-624-5111

www.mass.gov/dph/bsas

Massachusetts Substance Abuse Information
and Education Helpline
800-327-5050

www.helpline-online.com

Massachusetts Health Promotion Clearinghouse
www.maclearinghouse.org

MDPH Division of Epidemiology and
Immunization - Viral Hepatitis Program
617-983-6800

www.mass.gov/hepc

www.mass.gov/dph/epi

www.mass.gov/dph/imm

MDPH Division of STD Prevention
866-749-7122 or 617-983-6940

www.mass.gov/dph/cdc/std

MDPH Office of HIV/AIDS
617-624-5300

www.mass.gov/dph/aids

Other Resources

American College of Gastroenterology
www.acg.gi.org

American Liver Foundation
800-465-4837
www.hepc.liverfoundation.org

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
www.cdc.gov/knowmorehepatitis

Hepatitis C Support Project
www.hcvadvocate.org

Hepatitis Foundation International
800-891-0707
www.hepfi.org

National Center for Complementary &
Alternative Medicine Clearinghouse
www.nccam.nih.gov

National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive, and
Kidney Diseases
www.niddk.nih.gov

National Institute of Health
www.nih.gov

Self-Help and Advocacy Resources:

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
www.aa.org

Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
www.na.org

Learn To Cope (for families/friends)
www.learn2cope.org